

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT
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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

Claims 1-15 (canceled).

16. (original) A method for manufacturing A hollow golf club head made of metal including a face portion, a sole portion, a side portion, and a crown portion, the method comprising the steps of:

welding the portions other than the crown portion;

heat-treating the portions; and

welding the portions and the crown portion, which is not subjected to a heat treatment.

17. (original) The method according to claim 16, further comprising the steps of press-molding each of face, sole, side, and crown portions.

18. (original) The method according to claim 16, in which the golf club head further including a hosel portion, the method further comprising the steps of:

press-molding a titanium alloy to form the face, sole, side, and crown portions; and

punching a titanium alloy stick to form the hosel portion.

19. (original) The method according to claim 16, in which the golf club further including a hosel portion, the method further comprising the steps of integrally casting the sole, side, and hosel portions.

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20. (original) The method according to claim 16, wherein at least the crown portion is made of β type titanium alloy.